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NATIONAL BUSINESS AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION said Friday the survey of its members and exhibitors indicates both groups favor retention of the current practice that combines an annual membership meeting with a trade show/exhibition. *See related story on Page 156.*

GENERAL AVIATION fatal and total accident rates for 1991 have been recalculated upward as a result of recent revisions by FAA officials to estimates of GA activity levels last year. Accident rate information released by the National Transportation Safety Board early this year was based on FAA estimates that GA aircraft flew 30.76 million hours in 1991, a figure that industry leaders criticized as unrealistically high *(BA, Jan. 20/25)*. FAA now has revised downward its estimate of GA activity last year to approximately 27.7 million hours, driving the total GA accident rate from 6.90 accidents per 100,000 aircraft hours up to 7.86 accidents per 100,000 hours. Fatal accident rate went from 1.35 accidents per 100,000 aircraft hours to 1.52 accidents, based on the revised activity figures.

NBAA PRESIDENT Jack Olcott wrote to President George Bush last week urging him to consider "the importance of the provision to repeal the luxury tax" contained in H.R.11, a comprehensive tax package passed by Congress just before it adjourned. Joining the hundreds of groups that are attempting to convince Bush to sign H.R.11 into law *(BA, Oct. 12/147)*, Olcott said the luxury tax "has adversely impacted the general aviation industry resulting in a serious threat to American jobs and the loss of millions of dollars in aircraft sales."

DESPITE the broad-based coalition of interests urging Bush to sign the tax bill, it appears he still may veto the measure. During Thursday night's televised presidential debate, moderator Carole Simpson of ABC News asked Bush "aren't you threatening to veto the bill [H.R.11] – the urban aid bill – that included enterprise zones?" Bush responded, "Sure, but the problem is, you get so many things included in a great big bill that you have to look at the overall good."

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD is drafting recommendations that will urge FAA to process and review results of alcohol tests from general aviation accidents. The recommendations also would encourage aviation groups such as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and National Association of State Aviation Officials to develop educational programs for pilots about the effects of alcohol use while flying.

RECOMMENDATIONS stem from a study of the involvement of alcohol in GA accidents from 1983 to 1988. Study shows that there has been a downward trend in alcohol-involved GA accidents during that period (from about 10 percent of fatal GA accidents in the mid-70s to about six percent of fatal GA accidents in the late 1980s). In nearly three-quarters of the studied accidents, however, NTSB said the pilot-in-command had exceeded both the FAA alcohol limit as well as the higher limits set by states for operation of a motor vehicle.

FOR THE SECOND TIME in a year, Beech Holdings has announced a change in the management structure for its chain of 19 fixed-base operations. Beech Holdings President Keith Nadolski announced the appointment of half a dozen regional vice presidents to oversee maintenance of standards at the company's FBOs last year *(BA, Nov. 11/195)*. Now Beech Holdings is being regrouped into just two divisions – east and west – instead of six. –

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BUSINESS AVIATION BRIEFS

PRATT & WHITNEY President J.G. O'Connor told employees the company would lay off approximately 4,800 employees by June of 1993. The cuts, which will affect P&W facilities worldwide, began Friday. O'Connor said 695 employees at plants in Connecticut and Maine will be laid off, while another 181 will leave as a result of voluntary separations. He said a further reduction of another 2,400 positions will occur in the first quarter of 1993 and the remaining 1,500 by the end of June. He said the cuts are necessary because of "drastically weakening industry conditions. Bankrupt airlines, too much capacity and the resulting fare wars are dragging down airline profits," which he said was forcing airlines to reschedule airplane and engine orders.

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CHARTS listing accidents that occurred during the first nine months of 1992 involving business jets, turboprops and turbine-powered helicopters, appears *on Pages 161-164.* The information was compiled by Robert E. Breiling Associates, which publishes annual reviews of aviation accidents and safety overviews that provides statistical information on the safety records of individual aircraft models. For more information, contact the company at 6020 N. Federal Highway, Suite 4, Boca Raton, Fla. 33487.

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BEECH AIRCRAFT said former National Football League lineman Dan Dierdorf has joined the company's Starship marketing program. Dierdorf, the color commentator on ABC-TV's Monday Night Football, is currently taking flight training at Executive Beechcraft at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. Beech said Dierdorf expects to receive his private pilots license this year and has ordered a Bonanza A36 for delivery early next year. As part of the Starship promotion campaign, Dierdorf will host potential customers at three Monday Night Football games this season.

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MCCAULEY ACCESSORY DIVISION of Cessna Aircraft has formed The BlackMac Formation, an organization of owners and pilots whose aircraft use McCauley's BlackMac propellers. McCauley officials said the organization is designed to "enhance communication between BlackMac users and the manufacturers and create a forum for ideas that will contribute to new and innovative propeller technology." For more information on the program, call (800) 621-7767.

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DOWTY AEROSPACE YAKIMA received a contract from Cessna Aircraft Company to supply retract actuators for the Citation X main and nose landing gears. Initial contract calls for 100 shipsets with an option for 100 more. Shipset comprises two main landing gear retract actuators and one nose gear retract actuator. Based in Yakima, Wash., Dowty Aerospace Yakima is an operation of Dowty Aerospace's Hydraulics Business Unit.

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FLIGHTSAFETY INTERNATIONAL will open a Falcon Jet maintenance training center at Falcon Jet's completion and maintenance facility in Little Rock, Ark. First classes will begin at the center in January. FlightSafety officials said the center will offer training services similar to those provided in its Teterboro training center.

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FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL received a contract from the U.S. Navy to provide target towing and electronic training services. In awarding the contracts, the Navy exercised two one-year options for the Commercial Air Service and Mediterranean Commercial Air Service contracts. The contracts were initially effective Jan. 1, 1989 and Nov. 1, 1991, respectively. The options are valued at nearly $13 million annually.

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AMERICAN GENERAL AIRCRAFT CORPORATION has added Epps Aviation to its network of dealers. Epps, an Atlanta, Ga. fixed-base operation, will sell and service the AG Tiger. Epps was founded in 1965 by the son of Ben Epps, who in 1907 became the first man in Georgia to fly a plane.

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AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION announced three companies have joined the association this month: CTA Incorporated, represented by President and CEO C.E. Velez; Digital Equipment Corporation, represented by Jack MacKeen, vice president, Aerospace Defense Electronics/Government, and Edwards Aerospace, represented by Chairman and President John Edwards.

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1992 BUSINESS JET ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	PURP	FTL	DAM
92-04-13	1123	Acft. swerved off rwy. TO, tire failure	N90HM	CO	TO	Pass	-	S
05-02	L-35A	Crashed, no further information	PT-OEF	Mexico	Cru	Ferry	2	D
05-17	MU-300	Aircraft observed on belly after landing	N100RS	IL	Ldg	Pass	-	M
06-12	L-25B	Aircraft rolled and landed inverted on TO	N38DJ	WI	TO	Ferry	2	D
06-17	NA-265	Overshot landing roll,departed runway end	N50CR	IA	Ldg	Pass	-	S
06-27	CE-500	Tire blew on ldg, acft. swerved off rwy.	-	FL	Ldg	Pass	-	M
07-28	L-25	Disappeared from radar, no further info.	PT-	Brazil	Cru	Pass	5	D
08-06	L-35	Overshot rwy.ldg. T storms in area	N43EL	SC	Ldg	Ferry	-	S
09-02	L-35	Wheel fire following rejected takeoff	D-	Germany	TO	Pax	-	S
09-10	CE-550	Taxi into other aircraft on departure	N717PC	MN	Txi	Pass	-	M
09-24	L-60	Experienced hard ldg. during test flight	N602LJ	KS	Ldg	Test	-	S

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1992 BUSINESS TURBOPROP ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	PURP	FTL	DAM
92-01-11	CE-425	Crash following control loss, descent	N425BN	NV	Desc	Pass	7	D
01-28	PA-31T	Aircraft taxied into snowbank after ldg.	N314SC	AK	Taxi	Pass	-	M
01-30	BE-200	Off rwy.ldg. during ILS in below min.wx.	N30SE	PA	Ldg	Pass	-	S
02-10	BE-200	Gear not fully extended prior landing	N4288S	TX	Ldg	Pass	-	S
02-11	CE-425	Crash during approach in IMC conditions	N66LM	FL	App	Pers	1	D
02-13	SA-26AT	Crash during emergency appr.to a ldg.	N26JB	CO	Cru	EMS	-	D
03-05	MU-2B	Crash during instrument approach in IMC	N303CA	CO	Desc	Pass	6	D
03-29	690A	Impacted terrain during night departure	N111FL	NM	Clb	Pass	1	D
04-09	BE-90C	Crash during VOR approach in IMC	N105FL	FL	App	Pass	2	D
05-13	BE-200	Struck by lightning during cruise in IMC	N30721	VA	Cru	Tra	-	S
05-18	MU-2B	Crash short of runway landing in VMC	N742FN	CA	App	Pass	2	S
05-20	690	Damaged ldg. after wheel fell off on TO	N130TT	WV	Ldg	Pass	-	M
06-16	BE-200	Crashed into trees on final to land, VMC	N32HG	DE	Desc	Pass	4	D
06-24	MU-2	Impacted mountainous terrain, night VMC	N108SC	NM	Clb	Pass	6	D
06-25	AC690	Control loss cruise, T storm activity	N -	OK	Cru	Pers	1	D
07-03	AC690	Engine fire, off airport landing	N -	TX	Cru	Pers	-	D
07-09	MU-2B	Crash,IFR departure,poss.incapacitation	N220MA	NH	Clb	Pass	2	D
08-02	AC690	Left gear coll. during touch and go ldg.	N74GB	FL	Ldg	Tra	-	S
08-06	BE-90	Power loss on final,landed short in lake	N90RG	MI	Ldg	Pers	-	S
08-10	CE-441	Crash TO following bird flock contact	N920C	GA	TO	Pers	-	D
08-13	PA-31T1	Landed short of runway on IFR app.,IMC	N -	MO	Ldg	Pass	-	S
08-25	SA-226	Rolled to right and crashed on lift off	N324AE	AR	TO	Test	3	D
08-30	CE-425	Crash, engine out approach in VMC	N425TV	MS	App	Pass	1	D
09-04	PA-42	Hit wires during approach in VMC	N4592R	KS	APP	Pass	-	M
09-11	MU-2B	Mid air during IFR departure	N74FB	IN	Clb	Pass	5	D

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1992 SINGLE TURBINE HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

		DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	PURP	FTL	DAM
92-01-11	B-206B3	Collided with powerline during cruise	N95AT	CA	Cru	Pass	5	D
01-15	H-369D	Power malfunction, control loss, descent	N8674F	NJ	Cru	Pers	1	D
01-29	B-206L3	Hit water during platform landing	N65603	GM	Ldg	O.S.	-	S
02-05	B-206B3	Crash following engine failure, Barbados	N27AJ	OF	Desc	Pass	5	D
02-08	AS-350D	Crash cause unknown	N5768Z	Chile	Cru	Pass	-	D
02-10	B-206B3	Rolled over in soft ground after landing	N3903L	CA	Ldg	Pass	-	S
02-11	B-206B	Main rotor hit the ground during hover	N5003U	UT	Hvr	Ferry	2	D
02-11	H-369E	Hard landing, tail rotor separation	N1600Q	MD	Appr	Ferry	-	S
02-12	B-206L3	Crashed into reservoir, power malf/loss	N99TVX	CO	Maneu	Ferry	2	D
02-14	H-369D	Hard landing, practice autorotation	N911FT	AZ	Ldg	Tra	-	S
02-15	B-206L3	Crash, marg. wx. operation in Gulf	N3120X	GM	Desc	O.S.	-	D
02-23	B-214B1	Crash during crew transfer, VFR/turbulent	N814RM	AK	Cru	Pass	6	D
02-26	B-206B3	Power loss, emerg.ldg.in gulf, sea damage	N2750F	GM	Static	Pass	-	S
03-02	B-206B	Control loss during hover, crash in lake	N59613	NV	Hvr	Photo	-	S
03-02	B-206B3	Hit building during night lift off	N3201R	TX	Hvr	Pass	-	S
03-04	AS-350AH	Collided with terrain during cruise,IMC	N350AH	AZ	Cru	EMS	2	D
03-06	B-214B1	Power loss, damaged during autorotation	N314RH	AK	Hvr	Ext.Ld.	-	S
03-27	B-206L3	Battery door tore away, hit main rotor	N3907N	GA	Appr	Mtnce	-	S
04-01	B-206	Flame out, hovering near sprinklers	N3200N	HI	Hvr	Mtnce	-	S
04-09	H-369C	Main rotor mast separated on landing	N8311F	Pacific	Ldg	Aer.Obs.	-	S
04-09	B-206L3	Emerg. water ldg. pilot incapacitation	N6610L	LA	Desc	O.S.	2	D
04-13	SA-315B	Power loss during external load lift	N315DY	UT	Hvr	Ext.Ld.	-	S
04-13	B-206	Lost at sea during ice reconnaissance	O-YHDI	Iceland	-	Aer.Obs.	2	D
04-20	B-206L3	Ext. long line hit tail, hard landing	N5736N	CA	Cru	Ext.Ld.	-	S
04-22	UH-1B	Power loss, emerg. ldg. during spraying	N4028F	FL	Maneu	Aer.App.	-	S
04-28	B-206B2	Rolled over during ldg.in white out cond.	N371EH	AK	Hvr	Pass	-	S
04-30	H-500E	Tail rotor separation, hard landing	N97BR	KY	Desc	Pass	-	S
05-01	H-369E	Hard ldg.,practice autorotation, training	N5211Y	OR	Ldg	Tra	-	S
05-16	SA-341G	Hit trees during maneuvering	N9000E	OR	Maneu	Pass	2	D
05-29	AS-350B	Hit terr.in deteriorating wx. and fog	N5806K	SC	Cru	EMS	-	D
05-30	H-369D	Power loss, damaged during emergency ldg.	N1100A	HI	Cru	Pass	-	S
06-10	H-500D	Tail rotor failure, water landing	N8395F	AK	Clb	Pass	-	S
06-13	H-500	Crash, cause unknown	N10436	NM	Cru	Aer.Obs.	1	D

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1992 SINGLE TURBINE HELICOPTER ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS (continued)

DATE	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	REGN	STATE	PHASE	PURP	FTL	DAM
92-06-19	B-206L3	Landing gear strut failed/collapsed ldg.	N2267N	HI	Ldg	Pass	-	S
06-20	UH-1	Crashed into river, cause unknown	N81643	Peru	Maneu	Pass	3	D
06-26	H-369HS	Crashed while conducting forced landing	N9089F	FL	Ldg	Pers	1	D
07-24	HH-43F	Helo. crashed, no further details	N90944	ID	Ldg	Ferry	-	S
07-28	UH-1B	Pwr.loss during ext.load ops. hit trees	N89NW	WA	Maneu	Ext.Ld	-	S
07-31	H-369D	Hard ldg. during practice autorotation	N64MK	HI	Ldg	Tra	-	S
08-01	B-206L1	Experienced dynamic rollover during hover	N56SP	CA	TO	EMS	-	S
08-03	H-369HS	Pwr. loss shortly after takeoff	N501FH	LA	TO	Test	-	S
08-03	B-205A	Impacted terrain following power loss	N66HJ	OR	App	Pass	-	S
08-05	B-206L3	Exp. mech. problems ldg. no further info.	N3178L	CA	Ldg	Ferry	-	S
08-09	B-206L	Hit power lines, crashed into river	N200LT	IL	Cru	Pass	2	D
08-12	H-369D	Hit tower while stringing cable	N58425	CA	Maneu	Ext.Ld	1	D
08-15	UH-12Soloy	Control loss during aerial application	N9753C	CA	Maneu	Aer.App.	-	S
08-25	B-206B	Emerg.ldg.following fuel, fire followed	N83139	AK	Ldg	Patrol	-	S
09-02	B-206L3	Crash ldg.during high elevation EMS ops.	N911NM	CO	Ldg	EMS	-	S
09-09	H-500D	Tail rtr. shaft/gear failed. emerg.ldg.	N8697F	AK	Cru	Pass	-	S
09-11	H-500	Crash off runway end, cause unknown	N1096X	AR	Clb	Pass	3	D
09-16	AS-350B	Hit high terrain, sightseeing flight	N350SM	HI	Cru	Pass	7	D
09-24	B-206	Experienced power loss, no other details	N947L	CA	Cru	Ferry	-	S
09-29	H-500	Mid air during sightseeing over Niagara	N588DB	NY	Maneu	Pass	4	D
09-29	B-206	Mid air with aircraft listed above	C-GFXX	NY	Maneu	Pass	-	D

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